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INTERPRETIVE OPINION

Pursuant to §103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), all buildings and facilities constructed by, or on behalf of the State or any county, shall conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and amendments. In accordance to HRS §103-50 and Chapter 11-217, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Disability and Communication Access Board has authority to issue interpretive opinions to HRS §103-50 design standards.

Docket: **DCAB 2002-11:** Interpretive Opinion on ADAAG 4.6.4 Parking Signage, and clarification of AAC 1996-17, Interpretive Opinion on ADAAG 4.6.4.

- a) Is there a minimum height to set the sign so that it will not be obscured by the van?
- b) Is there a maximum height limit for a mounted sign?

Summary: The requirements for accessible car parking signage are the same for vans with the additional “Van-Accessible” sign. Signs which are located on or adjacent to pedestrian paths shall comply with applicable portions of 4.4 Protruding Objects. The 80-inch minimum vertical clearance required by 4.4.2 shall also apply to signs not located on or adjacent to pedestrian paths.

The Department of Transportation Uniform Traffic Control Code specifies standards for motorist service signing. In areas where parking and/or pedestrian movement is likely to occur, the clearance to the bottom of the sign shall be at least 84 inches (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Section 7B-7, Height of Signs).

Ruling: For buildings or facilities subject to HRS § 103-50,

ADAAG 4.6.4 Parking Signage

The mounting height of the additional “Van-Accessible” sign shall be 80 inches minimum from the bottom edge to the top of the finished surface.

[Amend: 10/02] [Rul: 5/99;AAC96-17] (Auth and Imp: HRS §103-50)

If you have any questions or comments regarding this ruling, please call us at 586-8121.

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